

CITY OF CHICOPEE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
October 16, 2019

Pursuant to Mass. General Law Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Chicopee Wetland Ordinance Ch. 272, the Chicopee Conservation Commission held a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 16, 2019** at 6:15 PM, RiverMills Senior Center, Classroom 30, 5 West Main St., Chicopee, MA 01020

James Reidy opened the meeting at 6:15 PM and announced that the meeting was being recorded and asked if anyone was recording the meeting to please state their name and address for the meeting record.

Conservation Commission attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
James Reidy, Chair	X		
Jessica Dzwonkoski			X
Celeste Donovan	X		
Charles Payne	X		
Nicole Dewberry	X		
Sharon Balcom	X		

Planning/Conservation Staff attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Lee Pouliot, Director			X
James Dawson, Development Manager	X		
Patrick McKenna, Assistant Planner			X
Nathan Moreau, Associate Planner			X

Item 1: (Continued from October 2, 2019) NOI for the Fuller Road Roadway Rehabilitation Project. The project includes reconstruction of a 1.7 mile section of Fuller Road from Memorial Dr. (Rt. 33) to the I-291 overpass bridge. Work will occur within Riverfront Area of the Chicopee River as well as Bordering Land Subject to Flooding and Buffer Zones. Applicant: Elizabette Botelho, City of Chicopee DPW. 115 Baskin Dr. Chicopee, MA 01020

Notes: Representatives of CHA Consulting, Inc. provided the Commission with an overview of the project. They noted some changes to the original plans and NOI submittal. Other requirements noted were the need for a Secretary Certificate, MEPA comments, License for the water main under the Veteran's Memorial Bridge, Waivers of local ordinance requirements for work within Buffer zones along with the revision of tables in the original submittal. The Commission scheduled a site visit of the impacted jurisdictional areas of the project for October 29, 2019. The Commission voted to continue this project until December 4, 2019 to allow CHA to obtain further required information.

Motion to continue to December 4, 2019 was made by Charles Payne and seconded by Celeste Donovan. Vote was 5-0 to continue to December 4, 2019.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy			X	
Celeste Donovan			X	
Charles Payne			X	
Nicole Dewberry			X	
Sharon Balcom			X	

Item 2: RDA for the installation of a stormwater bioretention basin in the northeast corner of the property. Work will occur within the 100' Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Location: 711 East Main St. Applicant: Development Associates, c/o Ken Vincunas, P.O. Box 528, Agawam, MA 01001

Notes: John Masuck of R. Levesque Associates presented the RDA to the Commission. Mr. Masuck noted the submittal was based on the original site plan for the property and was an area planned for future overflow parking. Planning/Conservation Staff noted that the original project predated the City Stormwater Ordinance and that any work proposed or completed after 2005 had to comply with the Stormwater Ordinance. Also, any new parking areas over 4,000 SF or any parking areas that when added to existing parking areas exceed 4,000 SF are required to go through a SPRAC review. Since a small portion of the proposed bioretention basin is within buffer zone the RDA was required. The Commission voted to issue Positive 2A, Positive 6, Negative 3 and a Negative 4 Determinations in response to the RDA. The Commission also required the following Special Conditions:

1. The Conservation Commission and/or its Staff must inspect Erosion Control prior to the commencement of any site work.
2. Provide the Conservation Commission with a detailed planting schedule and plan for the bioretention basin that includes species and cultivars of plants proposed and quantities and sizes of proposed plant material prior to installation.
3. The Conservation Commission and/or Staff is to inspect the bioretention basin after it is completed.

Motion to issue Positive 2A, Positive 6, Negative 3 and a Negative 4 Determinations with the noted Special Conditions was made by Sharon Balcom and seconded by Celeste Donovan. Vote was 5-0 to issue Positive 2A, Positive 6, Negative 3 and a Negative 4 Determinations with the noted Special Conditions

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy	X			
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nicole Dewberry	X			
Sharon Balcom	X			

Item 3: Minutes from October 2, 2019

Motion to approve was made by Sharon Balcom and seconded by Nicole Dewberry. Vote was 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

Note: James Reidy abstained as he was not in attendance for the meeting which the minutes represented.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy				X
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nicole Dewberry	X			
Sharon Balcom	X			

Item 4: SIGN BILLS!! – Staff noted there was one bill to sign.

Item 5: Upcoming Project updates/Discussion

- Enforcement Order – 780 Chicopee St.
- Certificate of Compliance – Baskin

Notes: Staff explained that the Enforcement Order for 780 Chicopee Street was not issued as it was discovered that the project was actually an approved State project involving the abutments to Interstate 391 and not the Property Owner.

The request for a Certificate of Compliance for the Baskin property was presented by Stephen Borgatti of BETA Group, Inc. Questions from the Commission arose as to amendments to the original Order of Conditions. The Commission requested that Lee Pouliot, Planning Director be present at the Commission's November 6, 2019 meeting to explain prior to their approval.

Motion to continue to November 6, 2019 was made by Celeste Donovan and seconded by Charles Payne. Vote was 5-0 to continue to November 6, 2019.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy			X	
Celeste Donovan			X	
Charles Payne			X	
Nicole Dewberry			X	
Sharon Balcom			X	

Item 6: Adjournment – Next scheduled meeting is November 6, 2019

Motion to adjourn was made by Celeste Donovan and seconded by Charles Payne. Vote was 5-0 to adjourn.

Member	Approve	Deny	Continue	Abstain
James Reidy	X			
Celeste Donovan	X			
Charles Payne	X			
Nicole Dewberry	X			
Sharon Balcom	X			

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.